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SUBJECT: FY'88 AFGHAN GROUP PROJECT - POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS
AND PROCESSES

REF: PESHAWAR 1404, USIA 45983

FOLLOWING IS THE PROJECT OUTLINE FOR SUBJECT GROUP.
PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ARRIVE AUGUST 14. PLEASE SEND FLIGHT
DATA ASAP. ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE
PROJECT SHOULD BE SENT ASAP.

THE MAJOR GOALS OF THE PROJECT ARE TO:

- PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE HISTORY AND THE WORKINGS OF
THE U.S. POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEMS;
- EXPLORE THE PROCESSES, ISSUES, AND CANDIDATES OF
CURRENT ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND
LOCAL LEVELS;
- EXPOSE THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE DIVERSITY IN THE U.S.
POPULATION AND HOW THAT TRANSLATES TO POLITICAL ACTION
IN A VARIETY OF LOCATIONS; AND
- MAKE CONTACT WITH AMERICAN EXPERTS IN POLITICAL
SCIENCE, HISTORY, AND AFGHAN AFFAIRS.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AUGUST 15-18, 1988)

THE PARTICIPANTS' STAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AT THE
BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT WILL BE SHORT, FOR TWO REASONS:
FIRST, THE U.S. CONGRESS WILL BE ON SUMMER RECESS AT THAT
TIME, AND SECOND, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S UNIQUE SITUATION
AS A FEDERAL CITY MAKES IT AN INAPPROPRIATE STUDY OF "LOCAL
POLITICS." INITIALLY, THEN, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE IN
WASHINGTON FOR THREE DAYS THAT WILL INCLUDE ORIENTATION AND
SEMINARS INTRODUCING THEM TO U.S. GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES AND
POLITICAL SYSTEMS, THE ELECTION PROCESS, AND THE
MULTI-CULTURAL NATURE OF U.S. SOCIETY. THEY WILL ALSO BE
OFFERED A SPECIAL TOUR OF THE CITY.

PARTICIPANTS WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 14. ON
THE MORNING OF AUGUST 15, USIA AND AED STAFF WILL WELCOME THE
PARTICIPANTS AND DISCUSS THE PROJECT'S ADMINISTRATIVE
DETAILS, GOALS, ACTIVITIES, AND CALENDAR. STAFF WILL ALSO
DISTRIBUTE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, SUCH AS THE 16-PAGE
PUBLICATION, "HOW OUR GOVERNMENT WORKS" (FROM "U.S. NEWS AND
WORLD REPORT"), "ELECTIONS '88" (USIA), AND "THE FOREIGN
POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES" (U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE). AN
OPENING LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN
HONOR OF THE PARTICIPANTS, WITH INVITEES INCLUDING
INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN AFGHAN AFFAIRS. THE TOUR OF
WASHINGTON WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE AFTERNOON AND WILL
SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE STOPS AT:

- THE ISLAMIC CENTER, BECAUSE THE PARTICIPANTS ARE
MUSLIM AND THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS OF
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE UNITED STATES;
- THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, BECAUSE AFGHANISTAN WILL BE
DEVELOPING ITS CONSTITUTION;

AND AT LEAST CURSORY VISITS TO:

- NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ILLUSTRATE THE ETHNIC DIVERSITY OF
THE CITY; AND
 - THE SUPREME COURT, THE CAPITOL, AND THE WHITE HOUSE,
AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT.
- AUGUST 16 WILL OPEN WITH DR. KARL CERNEY, PROFESSOR AT
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, DISCUSSING THE U.S. SYSTEM OF
GOVERNMENT, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE DIFFUSION OF POWER, THE
OPENNESS AND ACCESSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT, AND THE SEARCH FOR
CONSENSUS IN DECISION MAKING. FOLLOWING FREE TIME FOR LUNCH,
THERE WILL BE A SESSION COVERING THE ROLE OF FREE ELECTIONS
AND THE POLITICAL SELECTION PROCESS, WITH THE PRESENTER
GIVING SOME BACKGROUND TO THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE REPUBLICAN
CONVENTION, WHICH BEGINS THAT WEEK.
- A PANEL DISCUSSION THE MORNING OF AUGUST 17 WILL INCLUDE
REPRESENTATIVES OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS SUCH AS:
- THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN
HIGHER EDUCATION
 - THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN INDIAN BOARD
 - THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN

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- THE HISPANIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
- THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS
- THE GRAY PANTHERS
- THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HANDICAPPED

THE FOCUS OF THIS DISCUSSION WILL BE THE MULTI-CULTURAL, MULTI-FACETED NATURE OF U.S. SOCIETY AND HOW THESE VARIOUS INTEREST GROUPS HAVE OR HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED IN GETTING POLITICAL POWER. EACH WILL DISCUSS HOW THEY SEE THEMSELVES FITTING INTO THE U.S. POLITICAL PROCESS, AND WHAT THEIR PARTICULAR GROUP IS DOING DURING THE CURRENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA (AUGUST 18-20)

FOLLOWING A TRAIN RIDE TO CHARLOTTESVILLE ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 18, THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL INTRODUCE THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE LOCAL POLITICAL SCENE AND HOW IT INTERSECTS WITH STATE POLITICS, THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND THE CITY COUNCIL. THE MORNING OF AUGUST 19 THEY WILL GO TO THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA FOR A PRESENTATION BY PROFESSOR A.E. (BICK) HOWARD ON THE POLITICAL CLIMATE THAT PREVAILED AT THE TIME THE U.S. CONSTITUTION WAS BEING DEVELOPED, AND ON THE BASIC TENETS OF THE FEDERAL SYSTEM AS ARTICULATED IN THAT DOCUMENT. THERE WILL BE AMPLE TIME PROVIDED FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE TOPIC OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.

IN THE AFTERNOON THE DISCUSSION WILL FOCUS ON THE ROLE OF THE COURTS IN INTERPRETING THE CONSTITUTION.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN A GUIDED TOUR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA AND MONTICELLO. ATLANTA, GEORGIA (AUGUST 20-24)

AFTER FLYING TO ATLANTA ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE TIME TO RELAX UNTIL MONDAY MORNING, WHEN THEY WILL VISIT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER FOR NONVIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE AND THE EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, WHERE THEY WILL HAVE AN OVERVIEW OF ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN U.S. HISTORY, THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. ON MONDAY AFTERNOON THEY WILL VISIT THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT, WHICH WILL PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON THE HISTORY OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND THE ONGOING ACTIVITIES TO KEEP THIS PROCESS CURRENT. THEY WILL ALSO VISIT ONE OF THE HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES LOCATED IN ATLANTA TO DISCUSS EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AND ALSO TO CONTRAST A SMALL PRIVATE INSTITUTION WITH THE LARGER STATE UNIVERSITY THEY WILL VISIT IN OMAHA.

THE VISITORS WILL MEET WITH MAYOR ANDREW YOUNG OR MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF ON TUESDAY MORNING TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF AN URBAN MAYOR. IN THE AFTERNOON, THE GROUP WILL VISIT THE RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN OFFICE OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LEWIS, WHERE THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE ISSUES OF HIS CAMPAIGN.

THE ATLANTA CIV WILL BE ASKED TO ARRANGE HOME HOSPITALITY FOR EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA (AUGUST 24-29)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, THE GROUP WILL FLY TO SACRAMENTO. THERE WILL BE NO SCHEDULED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MORNING. AT THAT TIME THEY WILL ATTEND A SESSION AT THE STATE CAPITOL ON THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE POWERS OF THE STATE RELATIVE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THEY WILL BE GIVEN A VIP TOUR OF THE CAPITOL AND WILL BE INTRODUCED ON THE SENATE FLOOR BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, MS. SUSAN FOREMAN.

THE FOLLOWING DAY THEY WILL OBSERVE THE LEGISLATURE IN ACTION, ATTEND A SESSION ON HOW BILLS ARE RESEARCHED AND DRAFTED, AND VISIT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES IN SESSION.

THE GROUP WILL ALSO VISIT THE OFFICE OF SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY WILLIE BROWN, A POLITICIAN ACTIVE AT BOTH THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS.

THE SACRAMENTO CIV MAY BE ASKED TO ARRANGE HOME HOSPITALITY FOR EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL TRAVEL TO SAN FRANCISCO ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON FOR A WEEKEND OF RELAXATION AND SIGHTSEEING. OMAHA, NEBRASKA (AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 3)

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL TRAVEL TO OMAHA, NEBRASKA. KEY TO THIS COMPONENT OF THE PROJECT IS THE CENTER FOR AFGHANISTAN STUDIES AT THE OMAHA CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AND ITS DIRECTOR, DEAN THOMAS

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GOUTIERRE.

ON AUGUST 30, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL MEET WITH DEAN GOUTIERRE AND HIS STAFF FOR A ONE-DAY SEMINAR IN ORDER TO:
- DISCUSS THE INTERESTS OF THE TWO GROUPS -- THE PARTICIPANTS AND THE CENTER'S STAFF -- THAT LEAD TO THEIR COMMON INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT IN AFGHANISTAN;
- REVIEW THE U.S. POLITICAL PROCESSES AND INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OBSERVED AND DISCUSSED TO THAT POINT IN THE VISIT, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF THE PARTICIPANTS' REACTIONS AND THE CORRELATIONS THAT CAN BE MADE BETWEEN THESE PROCESSES AND INSTITUTIONS AND THE CURRENT AFGHAN SITUATION.

ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 31, THE GROUP WILL TRAVEL BY MINIBUS TO A SMALL FARM AND A LARGE FARM IN THE NEARBY COUNTRYSIDE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP WILL BE TO FOCUS ON AGRICULTURE AS A LOCAL POLITICAL ISSUE THAT HAS BECOME A NATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUE. WHAT MAKES IT "POLITICAL" WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH THE FARMER AND MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THE PARTICIPANTS.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL VISIT THE OMAHA CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS OF FORMER GOVERNOR KERRY AND CONGRESSMAN KARNES, WHO ARE INVOLVED IN AN EXCITING RACE FOR THE U.S. SENATE.

SEPTEMBER 1 THE PARTICIPANTS WILL MEET WITH KEY PERSONNEL COVERING POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS AT THE "OMAHA WORLD-HERALD" TO DISCUSS HOW POLITICAL ISSUES AND CAMPAIGNS ARE COVERED IN A LARGE NEWSPAPER AND, AS AFGHANS, TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND INFORMATION WITH REPORTERS WHO HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT EVENTS IN AFGHANISTAN.

IN THE AFTERNOON THE PARTICIPANTS WILL TRAVEL THE SHORT DISTANCE TO THE STATE CAPITOL, LINCOLN. THE PURPOSE OF THIS SIDE TRIP IS TO VISIT THE CAPITOL, LEARN ABOUT NEBRASKA'S UNIQUE UNICAMERAL STATE GOVERNMENT AND TO MEET GOVERNOR KAY ORR AND HER STAFF. THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 1, HOME HOSPITALITY WILL BE ARRANGED WITH STATE SENATORS AND OTHER POLITICIANS IN THEIR HOMES FOR DINNER. ON FRIDAY, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL RETURN TO OMAHA IN TIME FOR AN AFTERNOON SESSION OF REACTIONS AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA WITH DEAN GOUTIERRE AND HIS STAFF.

THE EVENING WILL BE FREE TO ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO PREPARE FOR THEIR DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK CITY THE FOLLOWING DAY.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK (SEPTEMBER 3-6)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, PARTICIPANTS WILL TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY. ON SUNDAY MORNING, THEIR INTRODUCTION TO NEW YORK WILL INCLUDE A SHORT SUNDAY MORNING TOUR OF THE UNITED NATIONS. IN ADDITION, THEY WILL ENGAGE IN GENERAL SIGHTSEEING, VISIT THE MOSQUE IN NEW YORK, AND ATTEND A

SEPTEMBER 5, LABOR DAY, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE FREE TIME FOR SIGHTSEEING, AND RELAXATION.

A MEETING WITH JAN GOODWIN, EDITOR OF THE "LADIES HOME JOURNAL" AND AUTHOR OF A BOOK ON HER EXPERIENCES DISGUISED AS A MAN BEHIND ENEMY LINES IN AFGHANISTAN; A VISIT TO FREEDOM HOUSE, TO DISCUSS ITS AFGHAN PROJECT; AND INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED BY THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ARRANGED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

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THE PARTICIPANTS WILL TRAVEL BY TRAIN TO WASHINGTON,
D. C., LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 6.
WASHINGTON, D. C. (SEPTEMBER 7-10)

THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 7 THE PARTICIPANTS WILL VISIT
THE VOICE OF AMERICA, WHERE THEY MAY BE INTERVIEWED, AND THE
USIA WIRELESS FILE.

THEY WILL VISIT THE SUPREME COURT IN THE AFTERNOON FOR A
BRIEFING ON THE ROLE OF THE COURT. SEPTEMBER 8 AND 9 THERE
WILL BE MEETINGS WITH SENATOR GORDON HUMPHREY AND HIS AIDE,
MICHAEL PILLSBURY, AS WELL AS OTHER CONGRESSIONAL AIDES.
VISITS TO OTHER CAPITOL HILL OFFICES WILL INCLUDE OTHER
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS INVOLVED AND INTERESTED IN AFGHAN
AFFAIRS, SUCH AS DALE KILDEE, CLAIBORNE PELL, BARNEY FRANK,
BILL BRADLEY, PAUL SIMON, AND CHARLES WILSON.

ATTENDANCE AT THE DAILY PRESS BRIEFING AT THE STATE
DEPARTMENT OR THE WHITE HOUSE WILL HELP TO ILLUSTRATE THE
INDEPENDENCE OF THE U. S. PRESS IN COVERING THE GOVERNMENT.

ALSO, TIME PERMITTING, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT A CLASS IN GOVERNMENT AT A LOCAL HIGH
SCHOOL.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL DEPART
FROM THE UNITED STATES. (E/VGN)

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